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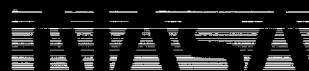
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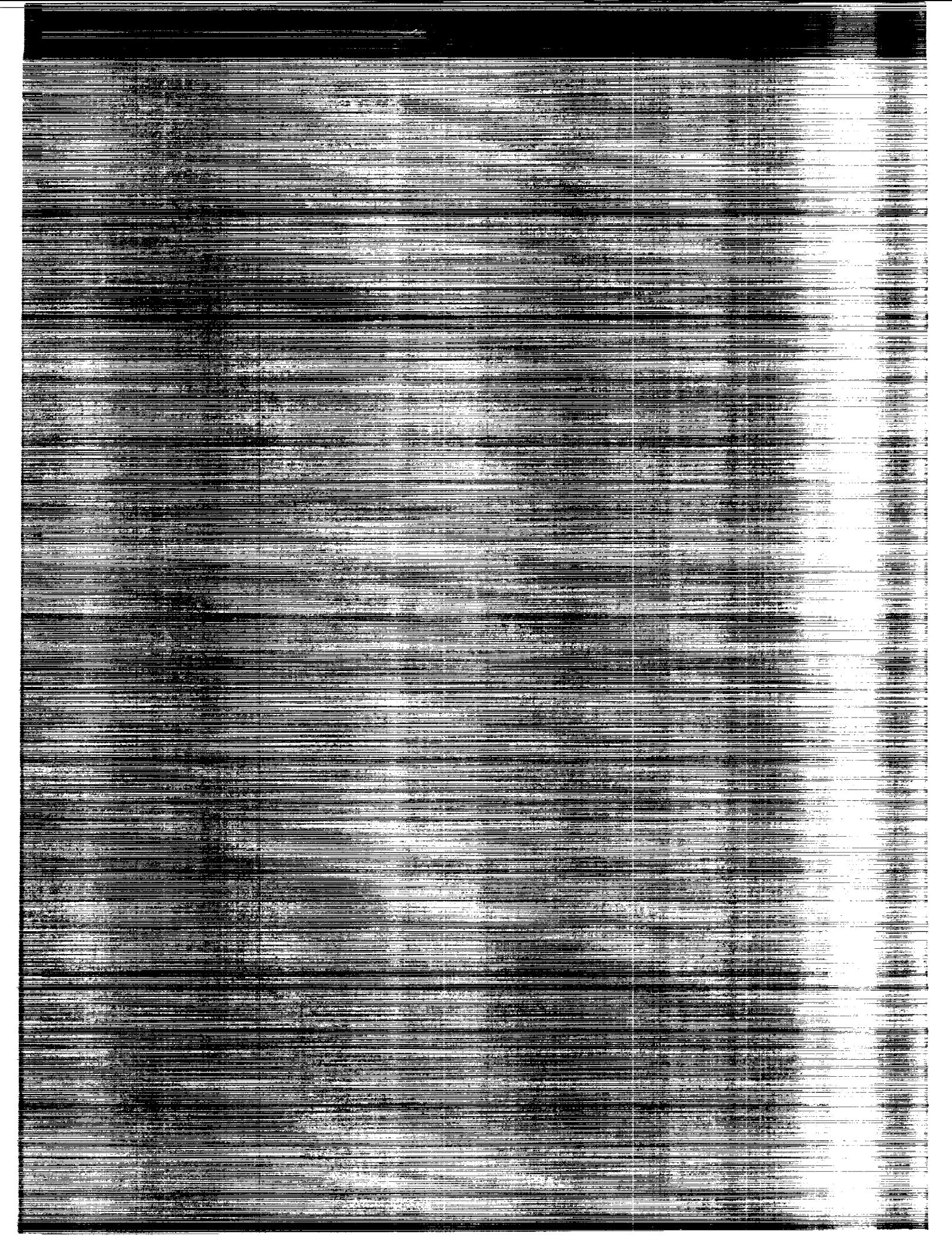
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Introduction

The Exobiology Program, located within the Life Sciences Division, Office of Space Science and Applications of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is an integrated program designed to investigate and understand those processes related to the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe.

This report contains a listing of 1990 publications resulting from research supported by the Exobiology Program. Our intent in compiling this bibliography is twofold: to provide the scientific community with an annual publication listing (as we have done since 1975) of current NASA-supported research in this field, and to stimulate the exchange of information and ideas among the scientists working in the different areas of the program.

The Exobiology Program is broad in scope, covering the following subject areas: **Cosmic Evolution of Biogenic Compounds, Prebiotic Evolution, Early Evolution of Life, Evolution of Advanced Life, Solar System Exploration, Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, Planetary Protection, and Advanced Programs in Biological Systems Research.**

Cosmic Evolution of Biogenic Compounds focuses on understanding the cosmic history of the biogenic elements (C, H, N, O, P, S) and their compounds in the galaxy and early solar system and understanding the mechanisms of their incorporation (evolution) into organic compounds. This includes: (1) tracing the physical and chemical pathways of the biogenic elements and their compounds from their origins in stars to their incorporation in pre-planetary bodies, (2) determining the kinds of measurements that can be made on the biogenic elements and their compounds to develop theories about solar system formation and prebiotic evolution, and the origin of life, and (3) determining the ways in which the physical and chemical properties of the biogenic elements and their compounds may have influenced the course of events during the formation of the solar system and component bodies.

Prebiotic Evolution seeks to understand how the evolutionary sequence leading from simple chemicals to living systems occurred during the development of the Earth and other planets. Research and analysis falls into two major areas: (1) the consequences of planetary evolution on the physical environment of the Earth and planets, including the importance of the physical-chemical processes associated with the development of dynamic planetary surfaces, and (2) the evolution of molecules and molecular systems focusing on energetics, dynamics, and synthesis of chemicals and chemical systems to determine mechanisms by which these systems acquired biological attributes under the constraints imposed by the physical environment.

Early Evolution of Life focuses on the nature and history of primitive organisms, relating their evolution to those forces that shaped the evolution of the Earth. The evolutionary record occurs in two forms: the familiar fossil record in rocks, in which phylogeny is deduced from morphology, and in the genome of extant organisms, where mutational events, the driving force of evolution, are expressed in sequences found in the organism's nucleic acids, or the gene products. Thus, studies use the geological record and the molecular record in living organisms to determine when and in what setting life first appeared, to determine the characteristics of the first successful living organisms, to understand the phylogeny and physiology of primitive organisms, to understand the evolution of energy-transducing systems, and to understand what determines the rate of mutation (evolution).

Evolution of Advanced Life examines the influence of astrophysical, stellar, and solar system impact events on the evolution of advanced life on Earth, with specific regard to their role in species extinctions. Research in this area focuses on understanding the role of extinction in evolution and the physical conditions that cause extinction of species.

Solar System Exploration focuses on providing specific information on the elemental and chemical composition, mainly with respect to the biogenic elements, of the atmospheres and surfaces of solar system bodies, including planets and their satellites, comets, asteroids, meteorites, and dust in space. Improved technology, instrumentation, and experiments are being developed for exploration of solar system bodies and interstellar space. Areas of recent emphasis have centered around developing methods to search for traces of extinct martian biota and developing model systems, such as Antarctica, as analogs for studying the possible evolution of life on Mars.

Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) involves the search for extraterrestrial intelligent life by detecting signals in the electromagnetic spectrum, particularly the microwave frequency range from 1 to 10 GHz. The principal component of this project is the Microwave Observing Project, which consists of two elements, a Targeted Search and a Sky Survey. Also included in SETI is the SERENDIP system and a high resolution Infrared Spectrometer.

Planetary Protection focuses on protection of the various bodies of the solar system from possible forward or backward biological materials contamination, based on explicit guidelines defined and being defined for each solar system body and each type of mission. With regard to the Space Exploration Initiative's focus of establishing a human presence on Mars, cross contamination of Earth and Mars has become an important issue.

Advanced Programs in Biological Systems Research is a new area, focusing on research and analysis tasks that are multidisciplinary, that establish interfaces among the Exobiology, Biospherics, and Controlled Ecological Life Support System (CELSS) Research Programs, and that begin laying the groundwork for advanced missions. This involves (1) determining the basis for the origin and development of ecological interactions between organisms and their environment in both natural and artificial ecosystems, (2) developing methods for characterizing the state and dynamical interactions of biological systems in and with their environment, and (3) assessing the requirements for the feasibility of creating habitable extraterrestrial environments, i.e., Mars, Space Station Freedom, Lunar Base.

This bibliography is divided into the areas noted above. Within each research area, publications are listed alphabetically by author. Authors who are Principal Investigators are identified by an asterisk. In addition, current addresses for all Principal Investigators are listed in the Appendix.

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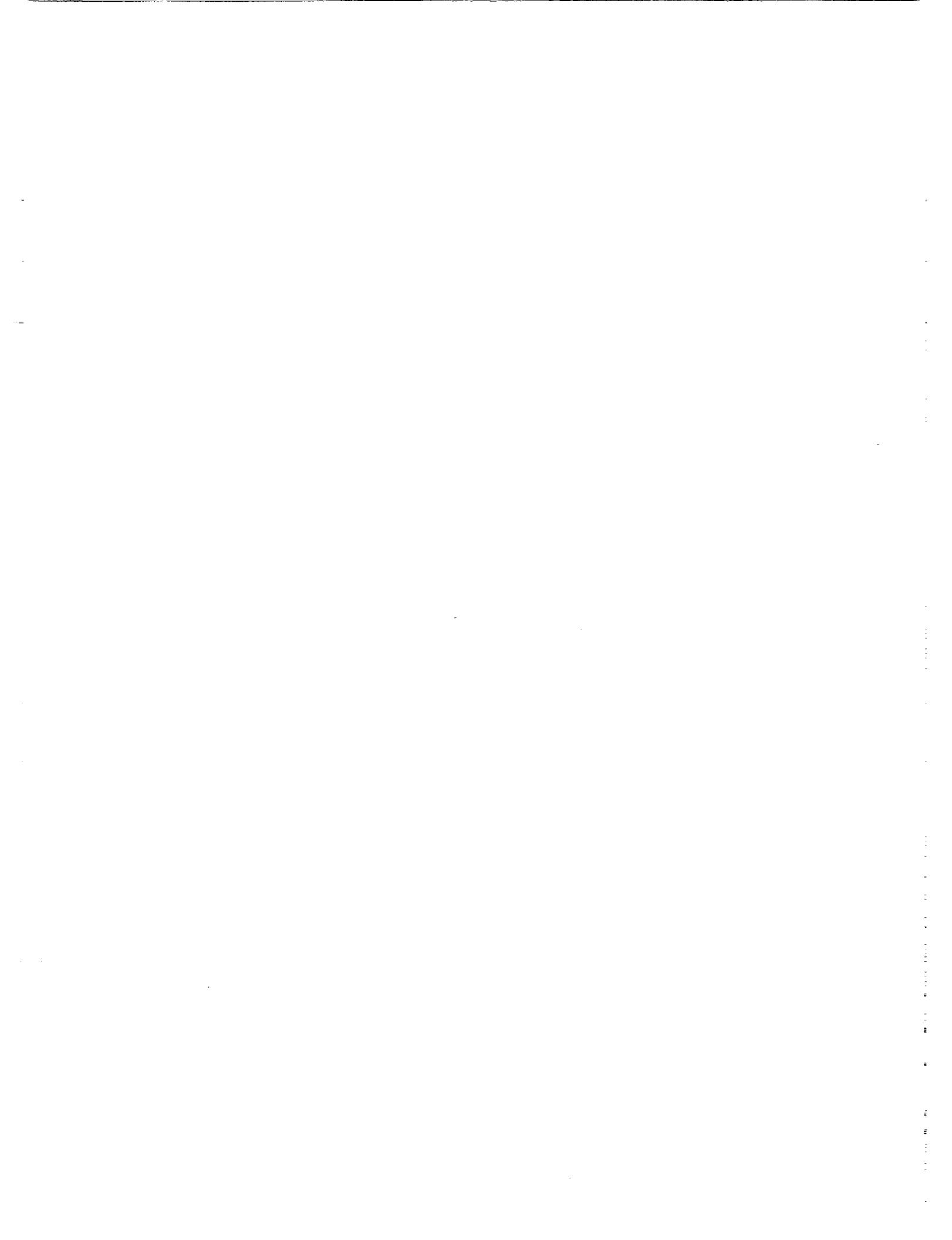
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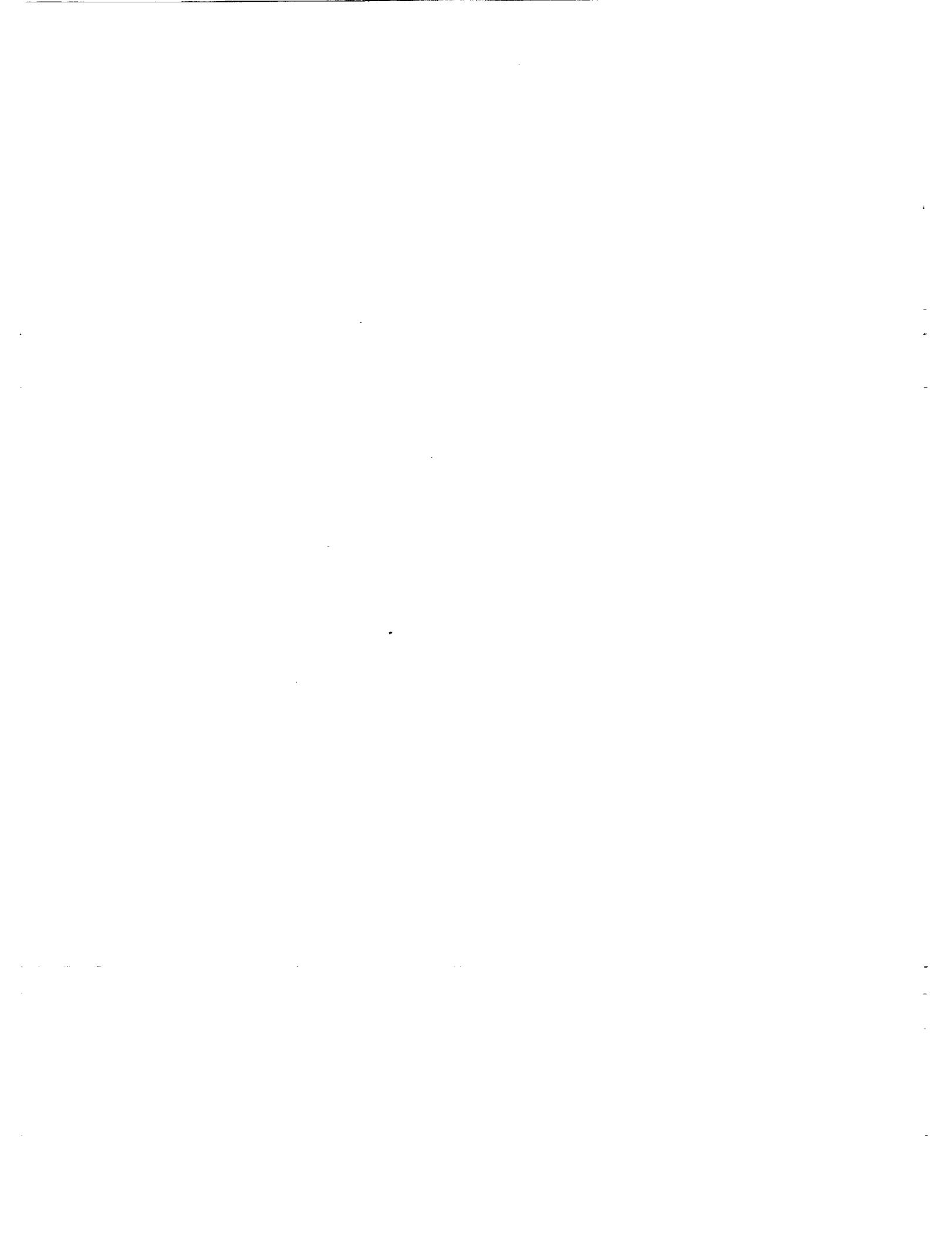
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